

House Resolution No. 3656

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual leadership endeavors; and

Whereas, Father James Healy of Independence has attained considerable distinction as pastor of Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, a role which he will draw to a close on July 1, 2005, when he accepts the duties and responsibilities which go with a new pastoral assignment at Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Blue Springs; and

Whereas, during his nine years as pastor of Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Father James Healy developed a youth ministry program that reached out to junior high and high school youth by involving them in social service and initiated a mission volunteer program that sent teams of volunteers to Anapra, Mexico, to build homes for the homeless, to New York to work at a home for children whose parents are incarcerated, to Chinle, Arizona to teach Bible school, and to Washington, D.C., for work with the poor and homeless; and

Whereas, Father James Healy enhanced the lives of his parishioners through the development of inspiring liturgical celebrations and by offering educational opportunities for lifelong learning about faith and values; and

Whereas, Father James Healy also was instrumental in the construction of an award-winning new church which was dedicated in 2004:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Father James Healy and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he shifts the focus of his time and energy to leading Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Blue Springs; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Father James Healy of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3656, adopted June 6, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker